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RULES
of the
SUPERIOR COURT
of the
State of Connecticut
Regulating
Admission to the Bar

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Sec. 1. ADMISSION. No person shall be admitted as an attorney except as herein provided.

Sec. 4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION. To entitle an applicant to admission to the bar (except under Sec. 8 of these rules) he must satisfy the committee:

FIRST. That he is a citizen of the United States.

SECOND. That he is a resident of this state or intends to become such resident.

THIRD. That he is not less than twenty-one years of age.

FOURTH. That he is a person of good moral character.

FIFTH. That he has complied with the following rules concerning prelaw education: (A) If his law studies pursuant to the rules commenced prior to

January 1, 1951, before commencing the study of law he (1) has graduated from a college the standing of which and the course or courses taken by the applicant shall be approved by the committee; or (2) has registered as a regular student or candidate for a degree in a college the standing of which shall be approved by the committee, and has attended and successfully completed courses acceptable to the committee constituting one-half of the work required for a degree in such college. (B) If his law studies pursuant to the rules commenced after January 1, 1951, before commencing the study of law he (1) obtained a bachelor's degree for acceptable undergraduate work in residence at a college accredited by the committee; or (2) completed, in residence at a college accredited by the committee, 90 semester or 135 quarter hours of college credit acceptable toward a bachelor's degree at such college and acceptable to the committee; provided that in such event a bachelor's degree must have been obtained at a college accredited by the committee before a law degree is obtained; or (3) obtained a master's degree for postgraduate work acceptable to the committee in residence at a college accredited by the committee, having already obtained a bachelor's degree for acceptable undergraduate work in residence at a college. The provisions of (B) aforesaid shall not apply to any applicant who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II and was honorably discharged from such service and who, by reason of permanent and total, service-connected blindness, was unable to complete his pre-law education under (A) aforesaid prior to January 1, 1951, provided that such applicant

completed his prelaw education under (A) aforesaid and commenced his law studies prior to January 1, 1952.

SIXTH. That he has complied with the following rules concerning his legal education: After arriving at the age of eighteen years and having completed his prelaw education as provided for under subsection FIFTH of this section, he has (a) pursued the study of law as a regular law student in residence at and obtained a bachelor of laws degree from a law school accredited by the committee; or (b) obtained a master of laws degree for postgraduate work acceptable to the committee in residence at a law school accredited by the committee; or (b) already obtained a bachelor of laws degree at a law school for work acceptable to the committee done in residence at such law school.

SEVENTH. That he has registered his intention to study law in preparation for taking the bar examinations in accordance with these rules and the regulations of the committee and has paid a registration fee of $10.

EIGHTH. That he has filed with a clerk of the superior court his application to take the examination and for admission to the bar, all in accordance with these rules and the regulations of the committee, and has paid an application fee of $25.

NINTH. That he has satisfactorily passed an examination in law in accordance with the regulations of the committee.

TENTH. That he has complied with all of these

rules and the regulations of the committee pertinent to his application.

Sec. 7. COUNTY COMMITTEES ON RECOMMENDATIONS. There shall be in each county a standing committee on recommendations for admission, consisting of not less than three nor more than seven members of the bar of the county, who shall be appointed by the judges of the superior court to hold office for three years from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed. Appointments to fill vacancies may be made by the chief justice until the next annual meeting of the judges of the superior court.

All applications for admission to the bar shall be referred to the committee of the county where the application is filed, which shall investigate the general fitness of each applicant and report to the bar of the county whether he has complied with the rules relating to admission to the bar, is a person of good character and should be admitted.

Constitution of Connecticut. Article Fifth.

Section 1. The judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Supreme Court of Errors, a Superior Court, and such inferior courts as the general assembly shall, from time to time, ordain and establish: the powers and jurisdiction of which courts shall be defined by law.